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Abstract

Hall, Charles W.

Seaman's Time Books**,** n.d., 1871-1885

2 boxes (.75 linear foot)

Deputy Collector of Customs at Jonesport (ME).

The collection consists of 19 Seaman's Time Books, one of which is blank. Of the remaining 18, all but one relate to schooners whose home port was Machias, Maine, or elsewhere in Washington County. The other pertains to a small steamer based in Thomaston, Maine. Most of the sealed approvals in the books were done at the sub-port of Jonesport (ME) part of the Machias Customs District.

Purchased from Charles Apfelbaum, dealer.

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Finding aid available in repository, item level control.

Added Entries—people.

Hall, Charles W.

Added Entries—corporate bodies (including vessels):

Acara (Schooner)

Alexandria (Schooner)

Banner (Schooner)

Elvira (Schooner)

Emeline G. Sawyer (Schooner)

Essex (Schooner)

Kioka (Schooner)

Moro (Schooner)

Ocean (Steamer)

Oregon (Schooner)

Peace (Schooner)

Peiro (Schooner)

Revolution (Schooner)

Sisters (Schooner)

Sylvia (Schooner)

Ulrica R. Smith (Schooner)

United States Marine-Hospital Service

Added entries—places:

Machias (ME)

Jonesport (ME)

Added entries—key terms:

Merchant seamen

Coastwise shipping

Customs service
Hospital dues
Taxation

Acquisition

The collection was purchased on May 28, 1987, from Charles Apfelbaum, a dealer in rare books and collections located in Valley Stream, New York, Accession no. 87.53.2.

Provenance

There is no known provenance at this time. Because the last Custom House signature in nearly all the books is C. W. Hall, we have assumed that he kept these records with his personal papers, as was often done in the small informal ports like Jonesport (see MS-65).

Restrictions

There are no restrictions on the use of these materials for study or research, except as may be needed to protect the more fragile volumes.

Physical Condition

The condition of the collection varies from good to poor. Many of the time books have deteriorated due to iron gall in the ink used to write in the books. Papers have a mixed level of deterioration. All books have marble paper boards and linen cloth covered spines. A few books have intact binds with tight signatures. A larger portion of the collection has torn or fragile paper or loose signatures and clearly have water damage. Time books to handle with extra care are:

Kioka (Schooner)	*Badly damaged through water. Black spore mold through out.*
Oregon (Schooner)	*Board stripped of papers and spine cloth. Marble paper on back board completely gone and what remains is heavily creased.*

	Board were tacked with cord to keep together.
Peiro (Schooner)	*Front and back boards cracked down the middle.*
Revolution (Schooner)	*Iron gall ink spilled on papers caused acid burns. Greatly discolored.*

The time books were gently cleaned with soft brush to remove dirt and spores. A tacking iron was gently used to flatten out any pages with excessive creases. Each time book was placed in its own enclosure. This is to ensure contaminants from the books themselves will not migrate to the folder or the other materials in the box.

Historical Note

On May 1, 1875, the United States Bureau of Navigation *"required every vessel subject to hospital-tax, except vessels required by law to carry crew-lists, shall have and keep on board, subject to inspection and verification at all times by any officer of the customs, a seaman's time-book."*[1] A master was required to complete the entries at the end of each voyage and submit the information at the customs house when the crew was paid off. Information in the time book includes name, date of entry, date of discharge and time employed of every seaman on board a vessel.

The seaman's time books hail from the Port of Machias, except one from Thomaston. All of the vessels paid their hospital dues/taxes at various ports including Machias, Jonesport, Calais, New York and Boston, MA.

Charles W. Hall, who signature is found in most of the seamen time books, was the Deputy Collector and Inspector at Jonesport. It was common in the small outlying ports like Jonesport for a local businessman to be appointed as a Deputy Collector of Customs, so the small local vessels would not have to go to the Custom House (in this case Machias) to fill out their paperwork.

Reference cited:

1. Woodworth, John. M., M.D. Annual report of the supervising surgeon-general of the marine-hospital service of the United States: the fiscal year 1875. Washington: GPO, 1876.

Scope and Content

This collection contains 19 Seaman's Time Books for coasting or foreign vessels. One of the books is completely blank and one, for the schooner *Acara*, consists of one signature page. There is one loose Hospital-dues receipt from the time book for the schooner *Emeline G. Sawyer*.

The date range covered by the Time Books is 1871 to 1885. None of the books were completely filled out. The vessels represented hailed from the Customs District of Machias, Maine except for the Time Book for the steamer *Ocean*, which hails from Thomaston. All vessels were considered coastal trade schooners. When the entries in the Time Books are compared with the record of Master found in the *Ship Registers and Enrollments of Machias, Maine 1780-1930*. it becomes clear that the number of voyages recorded in each book does not represent a complete record of the vessel's service.

MS-155 Seaman's Time Books Container List

Box 1

Folder 1 ***Acara*** **(Schooner) n.d.**
A two-mast schooner of Harrington, Maine. Official number 105302. Signal letters J.N.K.S. Built at Harrington in 1873 by William A. Nash, master carpenter. 142.54 gross tons, 135.41 net tons, 91.5 ft. x 27.3 ft x 8.2 ft.

2 ***Alexandria*** **(Schooner) 1875-1885**
A two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 530. Built at Augusta, Maine in 1845. Gross tons 95.46; 78 ft. x 23.3 ft. x 7.7 ft.

3 ***Banner*** **(Schooner) n.d.**
A two-mast schooner of Machias, Maine. Official number 2231. Gross tons 17.5. There is no date in the records concerning the date of construction or the builder.

4. ***Elvira*** **(Schooner) 1885**
Two-mast schooner of East Machias, Maine. Official number 7479. Signal letters H.F.S.J. Built at Machias in 1852 by William E. Cummings, master carpenter. Gross tons 151 85/95; 89 ft. 10 ½ in. x 23 ft. 10 ½ in. x 8 ft. 3 in.

5. ***Emeline G. Sawyer*** **(Schooner) 1877-1883**

Two-mast schooner of Jonesport, Maine. Official Number 7483. Signal letters H.F.S.L. Built at Jonesport in 1860 by James H. Sawyer, master carpenter. Gross tons 183 63/95; 91 ft. x 26 ft.3 in. x 8 ft. 10 in.

6. ***Essex*** **(Schooner) 1879**
Two-mast schooner of Millbridge, Maine. Official number 7473. Built at Millbridge in 1860. Gross tons 20.75; 49.4 ft. x 14.5 ft. 5.6 ft.

7. ***Henry*** **(Schooner) 1877-1884**
Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 11276. Signal letters H.J.T.F. Built at Jonesport in 1863 by James Foster, master carpenter. Gross tons 193 33/95; 94 ft. x 26 ft. 1 in. x 9 ft.

8. ***Independence*** **(Schooner) [1882]-1883**
Two-mast schooner of Machias, Maine. Official Number 12238. Built at Woburn, North Carolina in 1856. Gross tons 40.53; 64 ft. x 20 ft. x 4 ft.

9. ***Kioka*** **(Schooner) 1875-1883**
Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 14247. Built at Jonesboro, Maine in 1871 by William L. Tupper, master carpenter. 83.88 gross tons, 79.69 net tons; 71 ft. x 23.50 ft. x 7.33 ft.

10. ***Moro*** **(Schooner) 1878-1883**
Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 16605. Built at Bangor in 1849. Gross tons 86.04; 77 ft. x 24.83 ft. x 7.4 ft.

11. ***Ocean*** **(Steamer) 1879-1884**
Steamer of Thomaston. Official number 19462. Built at Thomaston, Maine in 1876. 11.75 gross tons, 5.88 net tons; 38 ft. x 13 ft. x 4.2 ft.

12. ***Oregon (Schooner) 1878-1885***
Two-mast schooner of Machias. Official number 19133. Built at Vinalhaven, Maine in 1844. Gross tons 40.17; 57.6 ft. x 17.5 ft. x 6 ft.

13. ***Peace*** **(Schooner) 1876-1882**
Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 19751. Built at Bowdoinham, Massachusetts (now Maine) in 1819. Rebuilt in 1837. Gross tons 69 31/95; 61 ft. 4 in. x 21 ft. 1 in. x 6 ft. 5 in.

Box 2

Folder 1. ***Peiro*** **(Schooner) 1875-1884**

Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 19745. Signal letters H.P.Q.M. Built at Jonesport, Maine in 1867 by James Foster, master carpenter. Gross tons 122.27; 86.9 ft. x 25.85 ft. x 7.8 ft.

2. ***Revolution*** **(Schooner) 1876-1880**

Two-mast schooner of Jonesport. Official number 21278. Built at Kingston, Massachusetts in 1829. Gross tons 81 7/95; 65 ft. 10 ¼ in. x 18 ft. 8 ½ in. x 7 ft. 6 ½ in.

3. ***Sisters*** **(Schooner) 1883-1884**

Two-mast schooner of Machias. Official number 23306. Built at Essex, Massachusetts in 1837. Gross tons 21.98; 45.8 ft. x 14.7 ft. x 6.2 ft.

4. ***Sylvi*** **(Schooner) 1872-1884**

Two-mast schooner of Columbia, Maine. Official number 22539. Built at Columbia in 1855 by John J. Grace, master carpenter. Gross tons 102 18/95; 74 ft. 6 in. x 22 ft. 1 in. x 7 ft. 2 in.

5. ***Ulrica R. Smith*** **(Schooner) 1879-1884**

Two-mast schooner of Jonesboro. Official number 25203. Signal letters J.N.H.W. Built at Jonesboro, Maine in 1873 by William L. Tupper, master carpenter. Gross tons 125.16; 90 ft. x. 26.2 ft. x 7.8 ft.

6. Blank book

Appendix A. Cross Reference Index of Captains' Names

Notes: All vessels are schooners except for the steamer, ***Ocean***

Reference to the schooner ***Ida May*** in Box 1, Folder 5

Name	Vessels	Box/Folder
Alley, Edman	*Banner*	Box 1, Folder 3
Alley, George W.	*Oregon*	Box 1, Folder 12
Alley, Isaac	*Henry*	Box 1, Folder 7
Alley, Isaac	*Kioka*	Box 1, Folder 9
Alley, Isaac	*Oregon*	Box 1, Folder 12
Alley, Joseph	*Peace*	Box 1, Folder 13
Anderson, Robert	*Revolution*	Box 2, Folder 2
Batson, J. D.	*Sylvi*	Box 2, Folder 4
Batson, S. S.	*Sylvi*	Box 2, Folder 4

Beal, Charles W.	*Revolution*	Box 2, Folder 2
Beal, Eben. C.	*Ocean* (Steamer)	Box 1, Folder 11
Beal, Frederic W.	*Moro*	Box 1, Folder 10
Beal, G. [George] W.	*Henry*	Box 1, Folder 7
Beal, Henry E. [Edwin]	*Sisters*	Box 2, Folder 3
Beal, Jeremiah	*Sisters*	Box 2, Folder 3
Name	**Vessels**	**Box/Folder**
Beal, John A.	*Essex*	Box 1, Folder 6
Beal, Joseph A.	*Sisters*	Box 2, Folder 3
Beal, Obed. J.	*Peace*	Box 1, Folder 13
Calor, Paris A.	*Alexandria*	Box 1, Folder 2
Chandler, John B.	*Acara*	Box 1, Folder 1
Coates, Daniel	*Ocean*	Box 1, Folder 11
Dobbin, C. [Charles] R.	*Moro*	Box 1, Folder 10
Dobbin, [W. J.]	*Ocean*	Box 1, Folder 11
Drisko, J. W.	*Elvira*	Box 1, Folder 4
Faulkingham, Otis B.	*Henry*	Box 1, Folder 7
Faulkingham, Otis B.	*Alexandria*	Box 1, Folder 2
Faulkingham, W. [William] H.	*Henry*	Box 1, Folder 7
Kelley, E. F.	*Peiro*	Box 2, Folder 1
Kelley, Eben. J.	*Independence*	Box 1, Folder 8
Kelley, Freeman L.	*Independence*	Box 1, Folder 8
Kelley, Freeman L.	*Moro*	Box 1, Folder 10
Kelley, Henry	*Independence*	Box 1, Folder 8
Kelley, Jason C.	*Revolution*	Box 2, Folder 2
Kelley, T. J.	*Emeline G. Sawyer*	Box 1, Folder 5
Kelley, Thomas J.	*Peiro*	Box 2, Folder 1
Kelley, W. [William] H.	*Independence*	Box 1, Folder 8
Lamson, D. H.	*Emeline G. Sawyer*	Box 1, Folder 5
Lamson, F. [Frank] P.	*Emeline G. Sawyer*	Box 1, Folder 5
Look, B. [Bloomfield] H.	*Kioka*	Box 1, Folder 9
Morris, A. P.	*Kioka*	Box 2, Folder 9
Newbury, B. K.	*Sylvi*	Box 2, Folder 4
Peabody, Ammi B.	*Revolution*	Box 2, Folder 2
Richardson, John	*Ulrica R. Smith*	Box 2, Folder 5
Rogers, N. [Nathaniel] C.	*Kioka*	Box 1, Folder 9
Sawyer, Fred [Frederick] A.	*Peace*	Box 1, Folder 13
Smith, Emery L.	*Moro*	Box 1, Folder 10
Smith, H. [Horace] R.	*Ulrica R. Smith*	Box 2, Folder 5
Wallace, John M.	*Banner*	Box 1, Folder 3
Wallace, Levi	*Oregon*	Box 1, Folder 12
Wilson, James E.	*Alexandria*	Box 1, Folder 2

Wilson, W. E.	*Emeline G. Sawyer*	Box 1, Folder 5